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To: Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRP)

From: Kylee B. Hope, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)

Re: Modifications to Employment Service Revisions: Edit Limit Change and Discovery Profile Samples

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The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) appreciates the continued feedback and suggestions regarding the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) employment service revisions. Continued review and revisions will be done over the next few months based on feedback received to address lessons learned and further strengthen the employment service model.

Discovery' (service code 53-10). BRS sets an edit limit for each service code in the VR System for audit purposes. When a VR Counselor authorizes a service that goes beyond the edit limit, a Supervisor signature is a requirement for approval of the authorization. This can sometimes lead to a longer processing time for the authorization to be approved and forwarded to the provider, and possibly a small delay or interruption in services for the consumer. The edit limit for **'Other/Miscellaneous Discovery'** is being increased to ensure availability of adequate Discovery activities for VR consumers when appropriate, streamlining the process to reduce the need for additional approvals, and assisting in processing authorizations more quickly so as not to delay or interrupt services for the consumer.

Previously, the edit limit for 'Other/Miscellaneous Discovery' was 20 Hours. The edit limit has been increased up to 50 hours. With this modification, a VR Counselor may authorize when appropriate, up to 50 hours of services under 'Other/Miscellaneous Discovery' before a second signature is required. Please also note that a sample completed Discovery Profile documents have been added to the <u>VR</u> <u>Employment Services webpage</u>.

All other Discovery activities remain as outlined in Attachment B in the VR Manual of Employment Services, and enclosed on the next page. There are no changes to other Discovery services at this time.

Service	CC-DC code	Rate
Discovery: Vocational Testing	01-44	\$42 per hour
Discovery: Job Shadow	53-09	\$42 per hour
Discovery: Situational Assessment	53-02	\$42 per hour
Discovery: Work Experience Development	53-05	\$42 per hour



Discovery: Work Experience A: 1 - 5 Hours per Week	53-06	\$200 per week
Discovery: Work Experience B: 6 - 10 Hours per Week	53-07	\$325 per week
Discovery: Work Experience C: 11+ Hours per Week	53-08	\$450 per week
Discovery: Other Discovery Activities (as Specified in Manual)	53-10	\$42 per hour

As a reminder, please refer to the Employment Services Manual and the FAQ document on the <u>VR</u> <u>Employment Services webpage</u>, additional information about employment services including Discovery activities is also available on the webpage. Please note that the Manual and FAQ document were revised in October, 2015, and reflect some modifications and additions from the original documents which were posted last Spring/Summer.